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Dear Mr. Powell:

**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**

Please consider the following: I am a 54 year-old woman driving a 13 year-old car. I am hoping to get Social Security Disability benefits some time in the next year or so, but meanwhile, I am living on \$400. per month, which barely covers my rent and food.

A friend purchased a Tracfone for me in case I am stuck on the road so I can call for help. This has been a blessing to me, because I have needed to call for help twice in the past year.

If rates are raised on this phone, which I only use for emergency or urgent calls, I will be stuck in traffic, at the mercy of anyone who might stop to help or harm me.

I also depend on the low rates of phone cards which my niece sends me so I can call her. I live in Michigan. She lives in Louisiana. Without these low rates, I would be without long distance service, as well.

I know there are many others in similar situations, and I beg you to consider us when proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund collection method are reviewed.

Prior to my illness, I was completely unaware of what a blessing the current system provides.

Thank you, in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carole Ivy Creedon

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